

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 953

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor Chairman Curtis Halford for his exemplary service to this General Assembly and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this body should recognize a dedicated, effective, and long-serving elected official of the State of Tennessee, namely one Curtis Halford of Dyer; and

WHEREAS, having proudly represented the good people of Gibson County and Carroll County for fourteen years, Representative Halford has announced his retirement from the House of Representatives, after building an enduring legacy of public service; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the 79th House District have counted on Curtis Halford to represent their values and concerns at the State Capitol, and he has done so ably while still maintaining his focus on matters of statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the 106th General Assembly, Representative Halford has capped his illustrious legislative career by serving as the chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee since its inception some ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, during his peerless tenure on Capitol Hill, Curtis Halford has also been a valuable member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, House State Government Committee, House Transportation Committee, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, House Departments and Agencies Subcommittee, and the National Conference of State Legislatures' Environment Standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, tributes to his excellence as a legislator are far too numerous to mention but include the 2011 and 2015 Northwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year award, the 2015 Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association Legislator of the Year award, the 2017 HBAT Housing Hero Award, and the 2011 Emergency Management Association of

Tennessee Award of Appreciation; additionally, he was named Civilian Advisor to the Commanding General of the Tennessee State Guard; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Halford served Gibson County with distinction as a county commissioner before being elected to the General Assembly, and he is a former member of the Gibson County Planning Commission and a graduate of Leadership Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, he is a veteran who proudly served his country in the United States Air Force Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Halford expresses his faith as a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Dyer, where he serves as an elder; and

WHEREAS, Representative Halford has given back to his community as a board member of the Carey Counseling Center's Peer Support Group and a member of the Gibson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Curtis Halford is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Charlotte; children, Lori and Brad; and five grandchildren: Kate, Charlotte, Noah, Jeremiah, and Titus; and

WHEREAS, Representative Curtis Halford has established a high standard for present and future legislative service, and he is most worthy of our approbation and appreciation as he departs these hallowed halls; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Chairman Curtis Halford for his fourteen years of distinguished service as a member of this General Assembly and his ten years of leadership as chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and wish him all the best as he continues life's journey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.